

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2008***

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. Selectmen present were: Rosanne Gilbert, Wes Moore and Michael Woodworth. Others present were Chief Art Reed, Lt. Anne Gould, Brian Knipstein and Dave Dennehy.

Chief Reed advised the Selectmen that one of the cruisers had been in an accident. The State Police investigated the accident. Damage was minimal and the party involved will be paying for the repairs.

Chief Reed then advised the board of the federal grants that will be implemented this year. These are the same as those from last year. A Speed Grant, a DWI Grant and a DWI Saturation Grant. Wes asked if the money from these grants could be used to offset the Police Departments' budget. Chief Reed explained that these are federally funded grants and cannot be used for that purpose. Chief Reed also advised the board that the department would also be doing another Alcohol Compliance Grant this year. This grant will be a joint effort with the towns of Newmarket and Epping.

Rosanne inquired about the new defibrillator for the Police Department. Chief Reed advised that he would be getting in touch with Christine Wilson regarding the purchase and training for the device as well as any other medical training that the officers may need. Chief Reed advised the board that he had ordered the bulletproof vests and the camera for the cruiser. All pertinent grant paperwork has been sent to the state for reimbursement.

Chief Reed also advised the board of a potential problem with a resident living in a motorized camper in town. It was discussed that this may be a zoning infraction. Wes will talk to Fran Lane concerning this issue.

Wes inquired about the letter that was sent to the board by Joe Bernstein. Chief Reed advised that Guilford Railroad had taken care of all the telephone poles on Railroad Avenue. Wes will contact Joe Bernstein about any other issues. He also discussed the complaint about signage that was made by Bill Dawson. Rosanne will call the realty company involved to discuss the issue with them. It was agreed that if signs are obstructing traffic in any way, that the police will remove them, or have them removed.

Rosanne advised that there were some issues with the personnel plan that need to be addressed. She and Chief Reed will look at the plan together to see what needs to be added or changed. The plan will then be resubmitted to the board for approval.

Brian Knipstein discussed the issue of mailboxes being hit by the snowplow trucks. It was determined that the plow trucks did not damage the mailboxes on Finn Avenue and Sanborn Drive and the town is not responsible to have them fixed. Brian will look into another mailbox complaint brought to the board by a resident on Partridge Hill. Brian also advised the board that his department is over their winter budget. He also informed the Selectmen that the paving budget might need to be increased due to increased price of materials. Wes recommended that the highway department might need to hold off buying sand and salt until after January 1, 2009. Wes also recommended that the paving schedule be revised to address bad spots in town first. Wes recommended that Brian sit down with the Selectmen when he has actual paving cost figures. At that time it should also be determined if the highway budget for next year needs to be increased.

Dave Dennehy came in to discuss the town landing issues. He advised the board that there was some damage to the dock. He believes with the help of some volunteers it can be fixed within his budget. He had no unresolved issues with people using the dock. Dave did recommend that they stick to the November 1<sup>st</sup>-Dock Out date to prevent any further damage from early ice or snow. He would like to the board to consider the purchase of a new metal or more modern dock in the future.

The Selectmen read a correspondence from the Water & Sewer Department.

The Selectmen read an e-mail from Clay Mitchell regarding Dave Garveys' request. The board is waiting for more information from Clay on this issue.

It was discussed that additional funds may be needed for the town audit. If needed, money from departments under budget may need to be used for this purpose.

The bank signature card paperwork was signed and given to Sue McKinnon.

Copies of the Seacoast Land Trust were given to all selectmen regarding the Piscassic Greenway Management Plan.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes for March 25<sup>th</sup> as amended. Rosanne seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

At 8:16 P.M. Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rosanne seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Smith  
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